

Claim Amendments:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

--1. (currently amended) An assembly for rapidly delivering water from a water supply to a basin, the assembly comprising:

a basin;

a ~~hot water~~ first storage tank receiving water from the water supply and storing a first volume of water, wherein the first storage tank is connected such that when the first volume of water is supplied to the basin the water supply fills the basin at a higher rate than without the first storage tank;

a ~~cold water~~ second storage tank receiving water from the water supply and storing a second volume of water, wherein the second storage tank is connected such that when the second volume of water is supplied to the basin the water supply fills the basin at a higher rate than without the second storage tank;

a system for controlling the flow of water from the storage tanks to the basin when it is desired to supply the basin from one or more of the storage tanks; and means for expediting the flow of water from at least one of the storage tanks to the basin when it is desired to supply water there from to the basin, the means being selected from the group consisting of:

(a) structures retaining at least one of said storage tanks at a position above at least a portion of the basin such that gravity can facilitate water flow from that tank to the basin when water is present in that tank;

(b) conduit connecting the at least one of said storage tanks to the basin which has a portion with a cross-sectional area of at least five square inches;

(c) a pressure pump; and

(d) delivery ports adjacent the basin for delivering water to the basin from said at least one of said storage tanks, the ports having an outlet cross-sectional area totaling at least five square inches;

wherein at least one of the storage tanks is dedicated to the assembly to supply water to the basin only.

2. (currently amended) The assembly of claim 1, wherein both of the storage tanks are dedicated to the assembly to supply water to the basin only.

3. (original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein at least one of the storage tanks is positioned within twenty feet of the basin.

4. (original) The assembly of claim 3, wherein at least one of the storage tanks is positioned within ten feet of the basin.

5. (original) The assembly of claim 4, wherein both of the storage tanks are positioned within ten feet of the basin.

6. (currently amended) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the assembly further comprises controls for performing at least one of monitoring temperature of water in the basin, ~~[[for]]~~ monitoring height of water in the basin, ~~[[for]]~~ initiating refilling of the storage tanks, ~~[[for]]~~ sensing flow from the basin drain, ~~[[for]]~~ sensing the presence of non-water objects within the basin, ~~and/or for~~ and controlling heating of water in the ~~[[hot]]~~ first water storage tank.

7. (cancelled)

8. (withdrawn) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the basin is a drum in a washing machine.

9. (original) The assembly of claim 1, further comprising means for inhibiting resupply of water to at least one of the storage tanks when the amount of water in the basin is in excess of a specified amount.

10. (original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the assembly can deliver water from the storage tanks to the basin at a rate exceeding 75 gallons/minute.

11. (original) The assembly of claim 10, wherein the assembly can deliver water from the storage tanks to the basin at a rate exceeding 500 gallons/minute.

12. (original) The assembly of claim 11, wherein the assembly can deliver water from the storage tanks to the basin at a rate exceeding 750 gallons/minute.

13. (withdrawn) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the assembly can deliver water to the basin in a waterfall manner.

14. (withdrawn) The assembly of claim 13, wherein the waterfall is provided at multiple sides of the basin.

15. (withdrawn) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the hot and cold water from the storage tanks can be mixed prior to entering the basin.

16. (original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the means for expediting is the pressure pump.

17. (original) The assembly of claim 16, wherein the pump is a variable speed pump.

18. (original) The assembly of claim 16, wherein the pump is a centrifugal pump.

19. (original) The assembly of claim 16, wherein the pump is capable of supplying up to 800 gallons/minute of water.

20. (original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein at least one of the delivery ports is selected from the group consisting of jet orifices, drain openings and openings of circulation lines.

21. (original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the hot and cold water storage tanks are vented during a basin fill cycle.

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